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POEM TITLE: MOTHER EARTH'S PLEA.

When the maker made me Water flowed in oceans, crystal clear My grounds brought forth fruits, green and lush My seasons were predestined Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter The farmer knew which month to till the ground So that harvest will much abound.

Now, the farmer hangs exhausted, Scraping his hoes against hard sand Craving to hear the thunder sound. The villagers, with bones protruding their dry skins Stand by their ancient river, now oily Staring at fishes, dead and floating They say; "The gods are angry" The Christians call it "The End Time" To the world powers, it's climate change Yet like that ragged farmer, I plead When you uproot my trees, I bleed But you can plant another to soothe my wounds. Those old pipes in the oceans have left my people dry You can replace them and sanction those who vandalize them. The sun can supply what you spend On those noisy machines that pollute my air. Transform your waste into wonder, recycle and make me greener

Ye Inhabitants, hear me well I plead, not for my sake alone But also for the ones unborn, hear my groan Do not let me become as hell